Formulation of Rural Energy Policy

761. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI MANORAMA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the energy requirements in rural areas and have formulated any Rural Energy Policy; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Steps taken to improve the working of Delhi Hospitals

762. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Expert Committee on Hospital policies set up by Government in the wake of the death of a diplomat in a Delhi Hospital due to AIDS has severely criticised the working conditions and injection control measures in the hospitals;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the findings of the Expert Committee; and

(c) what decisions have been taken by Government to improve the working and for maintaining hygenic conditions in the Delhi hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) to (c) Yes, a Group of Experts was constituted to review hospital procedures on care of HIV (Human Immune Deficiency Virus) infected persons. The Group made the following recommendations:

—dead-bodies of all the case of infectious diseases like AIDS, rabies, hepatitis, measles etc. should be put in double polythene bag and sealed. The tags indicating the name of the deceased and infectivity of the body should be placed both on the body as well as on polythene bag.

—while performing post-mortem/embalming galves and, gum boots should be used by the staff and the staff should be properly immunised periodically against infectious diseases.

—a common proforma should be developed for embalming the body of cases of infectious diseases.

An infection central committee has been made functional in four designated hospitals in metropolitan cities. Training courses have been/are being organised for training of medical, para-medical and laboratory staff of these designated hospitals. The Directorate General of Health Services has issued detailed guidelines to State Health Directors/Medical Colleges regarding handling and disposal of dead bodies of AIDS cases, Care of HIV infected persons and prevention of accidental infection in hospitals.

Spread of AIDS in Manipur

763. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any report regarding growing drug addiction in the State of Manipur and the spreading of AIDS virus by the drug addicts there;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any critical study of the situation in the State of Manipur; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof and what steps have been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY

WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) to (c) Yes, A team from the Headqarters was sent to the State of Manipur to assess the situation regarding HIV infection/AIDS. It was observed that the probable source of infection was mainly from the intravenous drug abusers. The details of the sero positive cases in Manipur are as follow:—

Category	Male	Female	Total
I.V. Drug abusers	415	15	430
Blood Donors	16	..	16
Patients with S.T.D.	2	..	2
TOTAL	433	15	448

The Government of India, during the current financial year under the National AIDS Control Programme, has released a sum of Rs. 10 lacs for establishment of AIDS unit at J.N. Hospital, Imphal and another Rs. 10 lacs for development of health education material on AIDS for the target groups like youths and college going students and blood donors.

Formulation of new norms for taking over of companies

764. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleaseed to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate new norms for taking over companies as also to gain control over them;

(b) whether any decision has been taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) It is not proposed to formulate any new norms under the MRTP Act, 1969/Companies Act, 1956 for taking-over or gaining control over companies. However, the Ministry of Finance have amended the Clause 40 of the Listing Agreement which include stipulations for informing the Stock Exchanges of significant holdings (viz. 5 per cent or more voting capital of the company to be held by any person) and public announcements of take-over offers.

Mentally ill persons in Rajasthan

765. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of mentally ill people in Rajasthan; and

(b) what is the plan of Government to give relief to such people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) and (b) No reliable statistical data are available. However during 1989, 5121 persons with Mental disorders were treated in the two Specialised Mental Hospitals in the State of Rajasthan. The provision of medical relief to such persons, falls within the purview of the State Government.

Obtaining of aircraft on lease basis by Indian Airlines

766. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proopse to obtain aircraft on lease to help Indian Airlines to maintain its services;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the expenditure the Indian Airlines will have to incur for such arrangement and what will the duration of this lease?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) It has been decided that Indian Airlines may lease in upto 10 aircraft on commercial terms to meet its operational requirements, during the suspension of A-320 operations.

(b) and (c) Indian Airlines has received offers in this regard from some of the leasing companies. As the matter is still under the consideration of the Indian Airlines, it is not considered appropriate to disclose commercial details at this juncture. However, the expenses will depend upon whether the aircraft are taken on dry on wet lease basis.